

MRS. QUILHOT  
FILES SUIT  
FOR DIVORCE

Cruel and Inhuman Treatment  
Are Alleged—Says Vice  
Investigator Kept All  
the Funds.

LETTER FROM FORMER  
WIFE RECEIVED HERE

Akron, Ohio Woman Writes  
That She Was Able to  
Leave Quilhot Owing  
to a Miracle.

Mrs. Mary Quilhot filed her petition  
for an absolute divorce in circuit court  
Wednesday afternoon. She asks for  
\$10,000 alimony.

The complaint charges that Quilhot  
married Mrs. Miller on Jan. 19, 1915,  
and after nearly 11 months they sepa-  
rated, and have not lived nor cohabited  
together as man and wife since.  
The chief allegations that Mrs. Mil-  
ler makes against Quilhot in the "cruel  
and inhuman treatment" are that Quil-  
hot attempted to kill her in various  
ways. He submitted her while in a  
weak and unhealthy condition to  
drafts of air, put poisonous tablets in  
her food, and poured hot and cold  
water over her alternately so as to  
injure her health.

Besides all these charges that she  
was guilty of assaulting her and  
beating her; and that "by trick and  
fraud procured the plaintiff to convey  
to him (Quilhot) the defendant, large  
amounts of real estate for which she  
received no consideration."

Keep All Funds.  
Mrs. Miller further charges that  
Quilhot sequestered all the funds that  
were collected on these considerations  
and that he never turned over any to  
her.

Another allegation of a statutory  
nature is made by Mrs. Quilhot in the  
complaint is that he had improper re-  
lations with Mrs. Dargush at Battle  
Creek on Nov. 10.

In lieu of all these she asks the  
court to dissolve the bonds of matri-  
mony existing, for an absolute divorce,  
the return of her former name and  
\$10,000 alimony.

The charges named in the complaint  
are much stronger than expected. They  
intimate that sensational testimony  
will be brought out in the court when  
Mrs. Miller takes the stand in her own  
behalf. It is believed that the divorce  
will be contested by Quilhot.

The complaint does not go into  
specific charges in the availing that  
Quilhot is alleged to have done. Prop-  
erty variously estimated at being  
worth between \$25,000 and \$50,000 is  
involved, but attempts to get the  
restitution of this property will be made  
through the filing of another case.

This second civil suit to be institu-  
ted Thursday morning will recite more  
specific charges, and name the property  
transactions that Mrs. Quilhot has  
made to her husband.

More light on the operations of  
John H. Quilhot, former vice investi-  
gator for South Bend, in the market  
of "rich widows" was shed Wednes-  
day morning with the receipt of a let-  
ter by Mrs. Paul Frankel from one of  
Quilhot's wives.

The letter comes from Mrs. Cora V.  
Gur of 234 W. Center st., Akron, O.  
She says she is one of Quilhot's di-  
vorced wives and that she escaped his  
clutches by a miracle after having  
been married to him for several  
months.

The letter received by Mrs. Frankel  
Wednesday is a partial substantiation  
of the charges brought against Quil-  
hot Tuesday by Russell W. Geyer, that  
Quilhot had been married seven  
times and that he had made a specu-  
lative of rich widows. Geyer stated  
Tuesday further that Mrs. Mary Qui-  
lhot, in whose interests he is now  
working was the seventh victim of the  
alleged swindler.

That there is no telling how many

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NET CLOSING IN  
ON VILLA FORCES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Carranza's  
forces are hourly drawing closer  
about the few remaining Villa armies,  
according to reports reaching the war  
department today. A decisive battle  
is expected in the neighborhood of  
Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora,  
within two or three days. Gen. Fun-  
ston, at San Antonio, today forwarded  
two reports from American command-  
ers along the border to the war de-  
partment. Col. Slocum at Douglas,  
Ariz., stated:

"Gen. Calles left this afternoon  
(yesterday) for Naco with reinforce-  
ments, including two field guns and  
some machine guns. This leaves 1,500  
at Aguaprieta. Villa's men reported  
at Cananea, Fuencada and Melina. One  
thousand Villa soldiers at Ozoquenda,  
moving south along Sonora river.  
Villa reported in vicinity of Magda-  
lena. Oregon at Naco will pursue  
Villa troops promptly."

Col. Brown at Naco, reported as fol-  
lows:

"Cardenas with 2,000 has just left  
to pursue Villistas and several thou-  
sand men under Obregon will probab-  
ly leave on the same mission tonight  
or tomorrow."

## OVERCOAT STOLEN

WHILE MAN SLEEPS.  
Lee Henderson came down from  
Campospolis Tuesday to prepare for  
cold weather in the manner of  
overcoat and gloves. At the Grand  
Trunk station he went to sleep  
while awaiting his train, and when  
he awakened it was to find some-  
one else had prepared for the win-  
ter time, but not through purchase.  
Henderson reported the theft to  
the police department.

CHARITY WORK IS  
GROWING SLOWLY

Liberal Response Last Three  
Days Necessary if \$40,-  
000 is Secured.

Collections during the Good Will  
campaign for funds for the charitable  
organizations of South Bend are run-  
ning about the same as they were last  
year for the first two days. With  
Tuesday's receipts of \$3,506.91, the  
total amount collected so far is \$5,-  
618.34.

Following are the figures for Tues-  
day: District No. 4, \$35.50; district  
No. 5, \$10.50; district No. 6, \$6;  
district No. 7, \$114.50; district No. 10,  
\$20; district No. 13, \$10; district  
No. 14, \$68.45; district No. 17, \$229;  
district No. 18, \$19.75; district No. 20,  
\$51.55; district No. 21, \$3; district No.  
29, \$132.70; trustees, \$2,805.

Tuesday's collections exceed by \$1,-  
114.30 those made on Monday. It is  
expected that the receipts for the re-  
mainder of the week will be increased  
in about the same proportion. Besides  
the teams that will be working during  
the latter part of the week, there will  
be benefit shows at several of the  
moving picture houses and theaters,  
an amateur play at Laurel school, an  
entertainment at the high school Fri-  
day and a football game at Oliver  
playground next Sunday. At the the-  
aters a certain percentage will be turn-  
ed over to the Good Will campaign, while  
the proceeds of the other perform-  
ances will be given entirely to the  
South Bend Federation for Social Ser-  
vice.

Collections during the remainder of  
the week will necessarily have to be  
larger than during the early part or  
the \$40,000 that is expected to be  
taken in will not be secured. An av-  
erage of more than \$6,000 a day is  
necessary to make this amount. The  
aim of this year is nearly double the  
amount that was collected last year,  
which means that the daily amount  
must be twice as much as in 1914.

Captains and teams will meet at the  
Chamber of Commerce Thursday even-  
ing at 7:45 o'clock to report on what  
has been done during the week. Plans  
will be discussed to put a whirlwind  
finish on the campaign. All pledge  
cards that have not been filled out will  
be brought in and arranged to be  
made to make an extra effort to  
secure money on them.

CLASS COLORS PLACED  
ON TOP OF COURT HOUSE

Junior Class at High Succeeds in Go-  
ing the Seniors One  
Better.

The junior class of South Bend  
high school for a half day Wednesday  
felt far ahead of the seniors as they  
had succeeded in placing their class  
banner in a far better place than  
ever attempted by any class before.  
The large orange banner hanging  
from the flag pole of the court house  
Wednesday morning with the numer-  
ical inscription 1917 upon it, was the  
much coveted banner of the juniors,  
which is much sought for by the  
fourth year men.

For years the rivalry of placing the  
flag in a position not easy to be haul-  
ed down by opposing classmen, has  
existed. One evening last week the  
seniors placed their colors on the  
high school flag pole, and upon going  
to school the next morning they dis-  
covered the flag had been pulled  
down during the night. The suspicion  
of course rested upon the third year  
men and their actions of Wednesday  
proved this beyond a doubt.

This of course in exceeded to the  
seniors as a decided defeat of the  
junior class.

NO PACKAGES FOR  
GERMANY ACCEPTED

Austria-Hungary Included in Post-  
office Ruling Because  
of War.

Parcel post packages for Germany  
and Austria-Hungary cannot be ac-  
cepted in this country, according to an  
announcement received at the local  
postoffice Wednesday morning. This  
order is the result of the refusal of  
the trans-Atlantic steamship com-  
panies to accept the responsibility of get-  
ting the packages through the war  
zone.

According to Asst. Postmaster  
Schnelle, there have been several dif-  
ferent orders in regard to packages for  
those two countries. When the At-  
lantic is thought to be clear of dan-  
gering battleships, the transportation  
companies accept the packages and  
when battles are thought to be raging  
on the seas, they refuse.

Tuesday three different packages  
were accepted by the local postoffice  
for Austria-Hungary, but they will be  
returned to the shippers. The South  
Bend office receives a considerable  
amount of parcel post for Germany  
and Austria-Hungary.

## TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Albert MacDonald, Richard White,  
William Grimm and P. W. Kampl will  
leave Friday morning to attend the  
45th annual convention of the Y. M. C. A.  
at Huntington. They will  
attend the student's dinner Friday  
which will be given by Dr. A. J.  
Elliott on "Drawing Dividends on a  
Life Investment" and Robert M. Rus-  
sell of New York city, on "The Trag-  
edy of the Nearby Harbor."

BUREAU FAR  
BEHIND, DUE  
TO PLOTTERS

Many Important Cases Will  
Have to be Continued Ow-  
ing to Demands on De-  
partment of Justice.

SECRET SERVICE MAY  
GET ADDITIONAL POWER

Body of Trained Men Now  
Hampered by Legal Limi-  
tations—President  
to Lend Hand.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The  
legitimate legal business of the United  
States is practically paralyzed be-  
cause of the widespread plots to violate  
the neutrality of the nation, both in  
connection with the European war and  
the Mexican situation. This was ad-  
mitted at the department of justice to-  
day where it was said that the federal  
bureau of investigation is so far be-  
hind in its work that certain cases in  
which the government is interested  
and which it had hoped to dispose of  
before the end of the year, cannot be  
taken up for an indefinite period.

The investigators of the department,  
with their number very largely in-  
creased as so busy with bomb con-  
spiracies; fraudulent passport cases;  
Mexican border plots and cases allied  
with them that they cannot at present  
undertake any additional labor. In  
consequence many white slave com-  
plaints and certain bank cases are held  
up. To relieve the situation, the at-  
torney general will ask congress for  
legislation greatly increasing his bu-  
reau and appointing much more money  
for its support.

Draft Amendments.  
Meanwhile the attorney general has  
completed the draft of the amend-  
ments to the Sherman anti-trust law  
which will give the government com-  
plete jurisdiction over conspiracies to  
cripple industries by strikes and in  
other ways; attempts to blow up mu-  
nition carrying ships, or efforts to in-  
terfere with interstate and foreign  
commerce. And at the behest  
of the navy department other laws will  
be enacted which will make possi-  
ble for the United States to prevent any  
espionage at the navy yards or at  
temples to secure possession of naval  
secrets.

It is expected that President Wilson  
will personally consider the congress-  
ional amendments to the Sherman law  
and that it will be put through very  
early in the session in order that pro-  
secutions can be begun without delay.  
Congress will also be asked to re-  
store to the secret service the broad  
powers which were taken away from it  
during the Roosevelt administration  
when it was found that the president  
was utilizing its operatives to keep  
track of the movements of the sena-  
tors and representatives unfriendly to  
his administration. At present the  
secret service, admittedly the best body  
of trained investigators in the coun-  
try, is greatly hampered in its work  
by the legal limitations.

## ANCONA CASE TO WAIT

Government Will Get Details Before  
Action is Taken.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The  
Washington government today settled  
down to await developments in the  
Ancona case. Information from all  
sources as to the circumstances in  
which the Italian liner was sunk has  
been slow in reaching the state de-  
partment. Not a new dispatch has  
received this morning on the disas-  
ter. No important steps can be taken  
until Ambassador Penfield at Vienna  
has had an opportunity to clear up  
the points still in doubt. Cable com-  
munication to the central powers is  
slow at best, and as Mr. Penfield has  
been instructed to make exhaustive  
inquiry, several days, perhaps a fort-  
night, will elapse before he submits  
all of the information desired.

## REPORT BIG GUN DUELS

Three Artillery Battles Take Place on  
West Front.

PARIS, Nov. 17.—Three night ar-  
tillery duels are reported in today's  
communiqué from the war office,  
which follows:

"Nothing was reported in the course  
of the night except some artillery en-  
gagements in the valley of the Aisne,  
around Fontenoy in Champagne and in  
the Woëvre region to the north of  
Filly."

BIDS ARE OPENED FOR  
2 NEW BATTLESHIPS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The  
Philadelphia navy yard had the low-  
est figures in the bids submitted for  
the construction of two battleships of  
the dreadnought type for the United  
States navy. The bids were opened at  
the navy department this afternoon.

The Philadelphia navy yards offers  
to build one of the battleships with  
turbine propulsion for \$6,916,427. Its  
bid for an electrically propelled ves-  
sel was \$6,774,144. The Mare Island  
navy yard of San Francisco submitted  
a bid of \$7,413,156 to build a vessel  
with turbine propulsion.

Hospital Ship  
Is Torpedoed;  
200 Drowned

DOVER, Eng., Nov. 17.—  
Two hundred wounded British  
soldiers were drowned when the  
hospital ship Anglia was torpedoed  
and sunk by a German subma-  
rine in the English channel yester-  
day.

The Anglia had on board 400  
wounded, 300 of whom were con-  
fined to cots.

Many of the wounded were res-  
cued by boats from a vessel in the  
vicinity. One of the boats filled  
with survivors sank with all on  
board.

PASTOR IS ACCUSED  
BY FAIR DIVORCEE

Admits He Offered Woman  
\$300 to Drop Case and  
Avoid Scandal.

SOUTH AUBURN, Me., Nov. 17.—  
The board of stewards of the Metho-  
dist church here meet tonight to take  
action on the resignation of the Rev.  
Milton Beckwith, their pastor, which  
was tendered immediately after his  
arrest Saturday night, on a complaint  
charging a serious offense, preferred  
by Mrs. Marcia E. Godding, an at-  
torney divorcee of but three or four  
weeks.

Through the call for this meeting,  
the details of the arrest and the  
charge, which had been carefully kept  
secret, were made public.  
The pastor was unable to secure  
him immediately, and was locked up  
over night. He secured his liberty in  
time to reach North Pownal, where  
he is also pastor of the Methodist  
church, and preach his Sunday night  
sermon.

The young pastor has been consid-  
ered one of the most prominent  
clergymen in the state, energetic,  
popular, and a convincing speaker. He  
had been prominent in politics and  
has been a candidate for the house  
of representatives.

Miss Elizabeth E. Vesmus, the daugh-  
ter of Dr. S. A. Vesmus, a physician  
of North Pownal, in spite of the  
charges against him, the pastor de-  
clares that Miss Vesmus refuses to be  
released from her promise to marry  
him.

The pastor is 25 years old. Mrs.  
Godding is about the same age. She  
secured her divorce on the ground of  
desertion.

Rev. Mr. Beckwith issued a state-  
ment saying:

"It is true that I offered Mrs. God-  
ding \$300 to drop the case. It was not  
because I am guilty of the offense  
with which she charges me, but mere-  
ly in an attempt to avoid the scandal."

HUERTA AIDS ARE  
TO BE INDICTED

Charges, It is Said, Will be Based on  
New Evidence  
Found.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Indict-  
ments against two additional persons  
in the alleged conspiracy of Gen. Vic-  
toriano Huerta to start a new revolu-  
tion in Mexico, are planned by the  
department of justice.

It was stated at the department to-  
day that these indictments will be  
based on new evidence recently found.  
The department's agents have de-  
termined definitely that Huerta did  
not get any American money to back  
his enterprise, although he is alleged  
to have tried to interest several promi-  
nent capitalists.

The department let it be known  
that the names of these men will be  
brought out in that trial.

## STORE BURNS.

CLINTON, Ia., Nov. 17.—The Clin-  
ton Grocery Co., Gobbie Wholesale  
Grocery Co., and Scholl Hutchinson  
store were badly damaged today  
by fire which started in the warehouse  
of the Clinton Co. Loss \$300,000.

President Will Divide His  
Message Into Several Parts

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Presi-  
dent Wilson will divide his annual mes-  
sage to congress into several parts.  
By so doing he will be able to deal  
definitely with the various momentous  
issues which will have to be disposed  
of and at the same time continue  
personally to read the document to  
the members.

It was stated at the white house  
today that the chief executive has  
about completed his outline of the  
message which he will read on Dec. 7,  
the day after the opening of con-  
gress. He has "arranged his subjects  
in his head." It is stated, and very  
likely will commence the reducing of  
his suggestions to writing on his an-  
tiquated typewriter within the next  
few days.

The chief topic of the opening  
message will be his recommendations  
on military preparedness. The presi-  
dent officially has accepted the plans  
furnished by Secys Garrison and Dan-  
iels for the increase of the army and  
navy and he will call upon congress  
to consider the problem in a non-  
partisan spirit. Whether the president  
will also suggest the plan he has in

WIRELESS IS  
SAID TO BE  
IN OPERATION

Informal Representations Are  
Made to the State De-  
partment by British  
Embassy.

LEADING DIPLOMATS  
ACCUSED BY GORICAR

Former Austrian Official Names  
Men Higher Up in Conspir-  
acy—Will Continue  
Work He Says.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The  
British embassy this afternoon made  
informal representations to the state  
department regarding a powerful  
wireless station located in or near  
Portland, Me. The state department  
immediately turned the matter over  
to the department of commerce with  
a request that an investigation be  
made.

Later this afternoon it was learned  
that the station previously has been  
brought to the attention of the govern-  
ment. Agents of the bureau of  
navigation inspected it some time ago.  
The station is owned by the same  
company that owns the Sayville and  
Tuckerton wireless stations, which are  
now being operated under the cen-  
sorship of United States naval officers.

The company stated that its reason  
for erecting the station at Portland  
was that stations prevented Say-  
ville station from receiving mes-  
sages at all times. They said the  
Portland station is being used only to  
receive messages when the Sayville  
plant is not working.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The govern-  
ment's quest for legal evidence  
against the men higher up in the gi-  
gantic bomb and arson plots was  
given tremendous impetus Tuesday.  
Dr. Joseph Goricar, the "man with  
the proofs," arrived in town late in  
the afternoon. Three hours later he  
was in deep conference with Capt.  
William M. Coffey, division superin-  
tendent of the department of justice,  
Chief William L. Flynn of the secret  
service, and other government officials.

The conference continued during  
most of the night. In exhaustive de-  
tail Dr. Goricar repeated his sensa-  
tional charges against foreign diplo-  
mats, wealthy American financiers  
and their financial allies.

"I have been working on these ex-  
posures for three months," asserted  
Dr. Goricar before the conference be-  
gan. "I have documents and type-  
written data which would fill three  
books. I intend to continue my ex-  
posures for two reasons—first, be-  
cause I am working for Slavic unity;  
second, because I think it time the  
citizens of the United States were  
awakened to the fact that this propa-  
ganda threatens not only their in-  
ternal peace, but the very fabric of  
their industrial and social life."

Dr. Goricar gave the government  
officials a typewritten list of names.  
On this list, he said, are the men back  
of the widespread attempt to destroy  
munition plants, place bombs on ships,  
force strikes and initiate passport  
frauds.

Practically every prominent diplo-  
matic representative of the central  
powers was named. In addition Dr.  
Goricar involved a number of New  
York bankers and men of wealth well  
known in the commercial world.

He furnished, too, the names of  
scores of the 3,000 spies he asserts  
are operating in this country under  
the direction of Capt. Hoy-Ed, naval  
attache, Capt. von Papen, military at-  
tache of the German embassy, and  
Austrian Consul-Gen. von Nuber.

Dr. Goricar displayed letters writ-  
ten by German and Austrian diplo-  
mats to heads of foreign fraternal or-  
ders. These letters, it is said, show an  
attempt to organize a "foreign army"  
within the borders of the United  
States. This army, Dr. Goricar as-  
serts, was to be at the call of the cen-  
tral powers.

The former consul will probably  
continue his narrative Tuesday. Many  
dozens of agents of the department of  
justice are now working on the case.

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ALL EMPLOYEES AT  
POSTOFFICE QUIT.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Nov. 17.—  
When Postmaster C. E. Manley  
went to the postoffice this morning  
he found the office there, but none  
of the 50 employees at work.

On his desk was a large box  
containing the keys of the office  
and resignations of all the em-  
ployees.

As a result Fairmont was with-  
out mail service this morning. The  
state department followed the re-  
ceipt last night of notices from  
the postal department at Washing-  
ton of the dismissal of W. H.  
Brand, as assistant postmaster after  
17 years service in that posi-  
tion. Brand was charged with per-  
jury and giving assistance to per-  
sons in civil service examinations.

STEAMERS WANTED  
IN PACIFIC TRADE

New Haven Men on Trial Re-  
veal One of the Batter-  
ies in Defense.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The New  
Haven millionaires on trial for con-  
spiracy to violate the Sherman act, re-  
vealed one of the masked batteries of  
their defense today by drawing from  
Capt. H. C. Goodall of the Pacific Na-  
vigation Co., that he wanted the steam-  
ships Yale and Harvard long before he  
had any negotiations with Charles S.  
Mellen. He said he first saw the  
steamships soon after they were laid  
down in a Hoboken ship yard.

"They were what I wanted on the  
Pacific coast," he said.

Goodall who at one time owned the  
Metropolitan Steamship Co. of New  
Jersey, admitted that he took the in-  
itiative in all his negotiations with  
Mellen and the New Haven that final-  
ly led to him taking the steamers  
around the horn to ply between San  
Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego.

He said the New Haven did not want  
the steamers because they were too  
expensive to operate, but Mellen did  
want the freight steamers of the  
Metropolitan.

Goodall did not want the freight  
steamers but he did want the two  
passenger boats. He got control of  
the Metropolitan. It went into the  
hands of a receiver. The New Haven  
got control of the steamers and turned  
the property, except the Yale and Har-  
vard, over to the Metropolitan Steam-  
ship Co. of Maine. No. 4, a New Ha-  
ven subsidiary. Goodall's company,  
the Pacific Navigation Co., and E. D.  
Robbins formed the Pacific Co. to  
take the Yale and Harvard and the  
Pacific Co., chartered the two steam-  
ers to the Pacific Navigation Co. Rob-  
bins acted as an individual and not as  
a New Haven director.

Robbins' company, however, Mellen  
was recalled and the government re-  
sumed reading correspondence rela-  
tive to New England trolley opera-  
tions.

THIRTY-ONE MINERS  
KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Rescuing Party Starts in Mine to Re-  
cover Bodies—Believe  
All Are Dead.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 17.—Rescu-  
ers hoped to penetrate the inter-  
workings of the Northwestern Im-  
provement Co.'s coal mine at Raven-  
dale, 35 miles from here, today and  
recover the bodies of 28 of the 31  
miners who were victims of yester-  
day's explosion. Three bodies were  
taken out last night before fire drove  
the rescuers from the shaft.

The body of P. J. Kane, a foreman,  
was discovered 1,500 feet below the  
surface. He was burned to death as  
he sat in his chair. The heat on the  
third level prevented the recovery of  
his body. Three men who were caught  
by the explosion were brought to the  
surface alive last evening.

Throughout the night scores of re-  
latives and friends of the dead miners  
remained at the mouth of the shaft,  
waiting for the fire to burn itself out.  
There was no hope, rescuers said, of  
finding any of the men in the mine  
alive.

## MAIL STEAMER IS ASHORE

Other Vessels to Go to the Assistance  
of Pembroke.

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Nov.  
17.—The Royal Mail steamship Pem-  
broke, 4,983 tons, has gone ashore  
on the Canary Islands south of Las  
Palmas. Other steamers have gone to  
her assistance.

## EXPRESS MAN DIES.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 17.—  
Charles L. Loop, vice president of the  
Southern Express Co., and one of its  
founders, died here today after a lin-  
gering illness. The body will be sent  
to Memphis for burial. The deceased  
enjoyed a national reputation in  
transportation circles.

GREEK KING ANXIOUS  
TO MEET KITCHENER

ATHENS, Nov. 17.—News of anti-  
dynastic riots at Patras was followed  
today by reports that King Constani-  
ne had expressed a desire to discuss  
the military situation with Lord  
Kitchener, the British secretary of  
state for war, who is now in the near  
east.

This indicates that the king may be  
inclined to adopt a less uncompromis-  
ing attitude toward the allies.

It is stated that the king has adopted  
here to put down political rioting.  
The most drastic martial law has  
been threatened if anti-government dem-  
onstrations occur here.

SERB TOWNS  
ARE RETAKEN  
BY BULGARS

French Forces Which Tried to  
Cut Their Way to Relief  
of Defenders Are  
Thrown Back.

EMPEROR IN CHARGE  
OF TEUTONIC ALLIES

Field Marshal Von Mackenzen  
Will Go to Dardanelles to  
Direct Forces There,  
Says Report.

PARIS, Nov. 17.—A news agency  
dispatch from Bucharest states that  
a powerful Russian fleet, consisting of  
three superdreadnaughts and 13 other  
warships, are bombarding the Bul-  
garian Black sea coast.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The supreme  
war lord, Emperor William, is now  
said to be directing the operations of  
the Teutonic allies in the Balkans per-  
sonally.

One of the outstanding features of  
the near eastern situation today is the  
presence there of the Kaiser and Lord  
Kitchener, the British secretary of  
state for war.

It is reported in a Reuter dispatch  
from Athens that Field Marshal von  
Mackenzen, who directed the Austro